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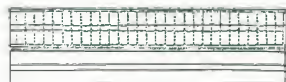
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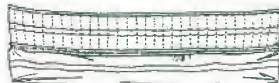
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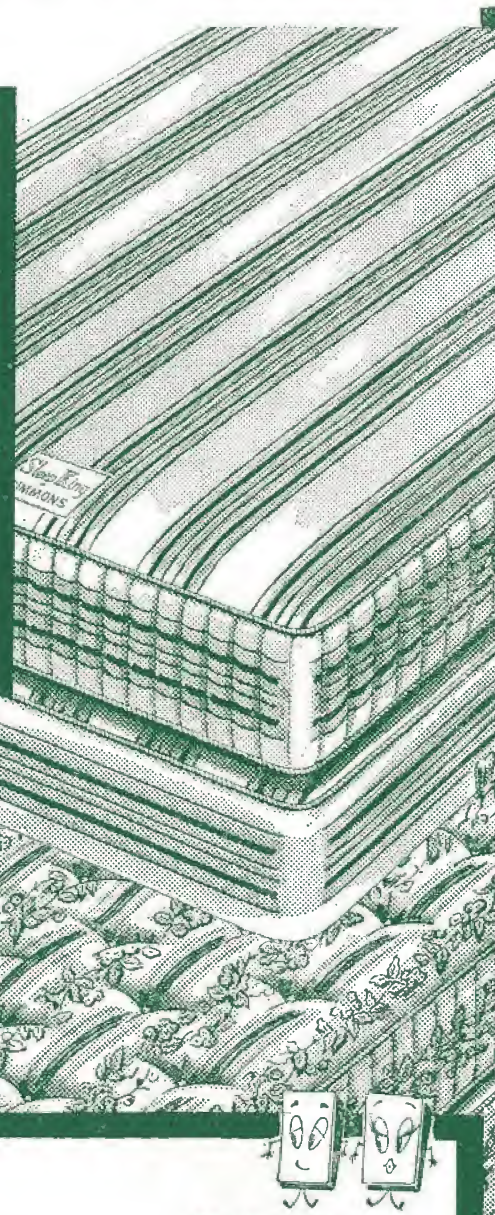
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Smithfield Chapter Dedicates Monument

As Reported by
RA NAE N. JORGENSEN

Dedication of a monument in memory of Ira Merrill took place at services held at Smithfield, Utah, December 21, 1958. The services were held at the city library on the city park where the monument is located. The monument was built by members of the Smithfield Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers. Ira Merrill was the first person to be buried in the Smithfield Cemetery. He met his death during an Indian raid, July 23, 1860, as the Pioneers of Smithfield prepared for a July 24 celebration.

The program was under the direction of Melvin Hillyard, President of the Smithfield Chapter. "Come, Come Ye Saints" was sung by the audience and the opening prayer was offered by Pres. S. L. Hymas. A vocal trio, composed of Leone Chambers, Marilyn Lower and Loraine Lundberg and accompanied by Martha Poulsen sang "My Own America."

Merlin T. Van Orden, immediate past mayor of Smithfield, related the story of the Merrill family and the events that led to Ira's death. The Merrills came to America from England in 1633 and settled in New England. Ira Merrill was converted to the L.D.S. faith and journeyed to Utah with the Mormon Pioneers. He and his family were among the first to settle in Cache Valley and Smithfield. On July 23, 1860, the settlers were preparing for their July 24th celebration. Brother Van Orden then read from the history of Smithfield, pp. 13,

14, and 15, the following account:

"A band of Indians had encamped just below the present site of the lower grist mill and it was reported that they had stolen a pony from Richmond. The chief of this band was arrested and taken to the home of John G. Smith, which was located where is now the south side of the Tabernacle square. After being held a prisoner for two or three hours, five young Indians came to rescue their chief. One of them dismounted, went to the house and talked to him, persuading him to attempt escape with them. He started to make a get-away, but the men standing guard ordered him to halt, and when he did not, they fired and the Indian fell dead. This seemed to be the signal for a general fight. Samuel Cousins, one of the six white men present, was shot through the breast. The Indians started for the sheltering brush along the creek, firing as they fled, with the white men in pursuit.

"Near the place that is now the east entrance to the Tabernacle grounds, two unfortunate men from Franklin, John Reed and A. Cowan, were camping for noon. The Indians in passing fired at them, killing Reed and wounding Cowan, then continued their flight up the creek, taking to the hill just north of the lower mill and following the ridge eastward. About thirty or forty rods northeast of the waterworks reservoir they met Ira Merrill and his brother, Solyman, coming from the canyon with a load of brush to be used on the bowery. The Indians



This beautiful monument of red sandstone, capped with a plow that belonged to Lot Smith, was erected by the Smithfield Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, and stands on the main highway in Smithfield, where it will attract many tourists.

began firing, killing Ira and wounding Solyman in the right arm and across the abdomen. They intended to scalp Ira, but were prevented by his brother throwing rocks at them with his left hand until the pursuing men came to his rescue. The Indians were followed to what is now known as Indian Canyon where they separated and hid themselves among the rocks and underbrush. In the meantime, other members of the band had had time to make their escape.

"When the white men came back from the pursuit, a council was held to determine what was best to be done, not knowing how soon the Indians would return. From their scattered locations the people quickly got together, lining up their wagons three or four deep so as to form an enclosure. It was a time of fear, anxiety and mourning. A guard was maintained day and night, and whatever work the men had to do outside the fort was done in groups."

President Melvin Hillyard stated that erecting this monument had been a big project, but through the efforts of the Chapter members all working together they had been able to complete it. The monument is located on the main highway in Smithfield in a park adjoining the City Library. This is the site of the old Smithfield Fort.

Earl Gordon was in charge of building the monument. "After much deliberation and study," Mr. Gordon reported, "we took our ideas, for the construction

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Members of the Smithfield Chapter and guests gather round the newly completed monument. They are: Front row (l. to r.)—Edgar Nilson, J. W. Kirkbride, Melvin Hillyard, Earl Gordon, Roy West, Karl Hale, M. T. Van Orden, Nathan Mather, Asa D. Weeks, Earl Hansen. Back row (l. to r.)—Hazen Hillyard, LaMont Harris, Preston West, Novle Chambers.

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THEME FOR THIS MONTH'S COVER FROM LEO J. MUIR

This month's cover is a line from the pen of Gibron. It was taken from a letter sent us by Leo J. Muir, noted historian, and a member of the California Chapter of SUP. The letter is reproduced below:

AN ASSURING MESSAGE FOR THIS HOUR

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: *Go out into the darkness and put thy hand into the hand of God.* That shall be to thee better than light and safer than the known way."—Gibron.

Can it be as simple as that? May one step out into the darkness and put his hand into the hand of God?

Emerson has said, "We are escorted on every hand through life by spiritual agents, and a beneficent purpose lies in wait for us."

And it is written, "If with all your heart you truly seek Him, you shall also surely find Him."

And, remember, the Master sent this assuring message to earth through 'John the Revelator: "I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

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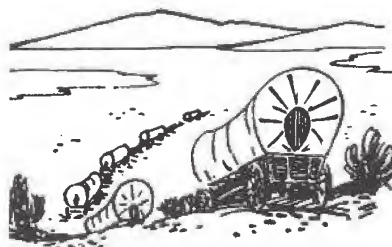
In Brotherly Affection,
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DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR PIONEER VILLAGE

Mrs. Essie M. Higginson, Santaquin, Utah — Forge, bellows and blacksmith tools. These items have been used in the Village blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Earl Ogden, Salt Lake City—Rifle and bayonet.

John A. Larsen, Salt Lake City—Blacksmith tongs.



Judge Joseph G. Jeppson, distinguished jurist, author and Vice President of the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

JUDGE JOSEPH G. JEPPESON AUTHORS BOOK ON SAVIOR

Judge Joseph G. Jeppson of Salt Lake City, SUP's very valuable 2nd Vice President, has presented the Pioneer Village Library with a copy of his book "Prophetic Proof of the Divinity of Jesus Christ."

The book, which was published by the Deseret Book Company, is written in a very interesting style. This scribe picked it up and found it so fascinating that he couldn't lay it down until he had read it from cover to cover. Of special note are the sources that Judge Jeppson uses to prove the text of his work.

The book has a paper cover and is 43 pages long. Those 43 pages unfold the story of Christ's ministry, and the people and events that entered into it. The cause and effect of many things that are not clear concerning Our Lord are brought out forcibly and in a manner easy to understand.

This is a book that can benefit every home and is certainly an invaluable aid to the person who is called upon to speak.

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KNOW YOUR UTAH




SHOREWARD BOUND from the area where Southern Pacific is building a dry-land fill across the Great Salt Lake is the Tugboat "Utah," pushing the huge barge, "Brigham City." The loaded barges weigh in excess of 4100 tons and will haul 19 million yards of gravel, 12 million yards of quarry-run rock and more than one million yards of select rip-rap when the project is completed in 1960. (Southern Pacific Photo.)

OPERATION FILL

May 10, 1869, saw the completion of the first transcontinental railroad near Promontory Point. The rails were forced this far north by a natural obstacle, "The Great Salt Lake."

Years later, in 1904, the Southern Pacific Railroad, seeking to shorten their route, built the Lucin Cutoff across the Great Salt Lake. This route was part fill, and part trestle. It eliminated 43 miles of rugged Overland Route.

After more than half a century service, the 13 miles of trestle in the Lucin Cutoff will now be filled with a solid rock roadbed.

In order to complete this huge project, the new town of Little Valley, Utah, has been born. Its citizens, numbering some 2,000, are the employees' and families of the Morrison-Knudsen Construction Company who are completing the fill. When the job is finished, Little Valley will probably vanish from the map.

The operation is a combination of men, machines and money, and before the project is finished, more than 47 million cubic yards of material will be moved. Six giant drop-bottom barges, 250 feet long, 48 feet wide, and seven smaller

deck barges are being used in the fill project. The barges travel four to fifteen miles to reach the fill area and receive gravel from a giant conveyor system that brings the material over a belt system two miles long. The new fill is about 1,500 feet north of the old cutoff.

This fascinating operation is Utah history in the making, and a trip to the fill site is worth the effort.

One may reach the site by traveling through Brigham City on highway 30 to Corinne, from there a paved road will take you to Little Valley. An interesting side trip to the site of the driving of the Golden Spike is suggested; this is only a mile off the road to the cutoff, and is paved.

Dr. William R. Palmer has been presented with an annual award of merit from the American Association for State and Local History for his work in Southern Utah Historical materials. The award was presented to Dr. Palmer for "many years of collecting Southern Utah historical data and giving of it fully both orally and in writing."

J. W. KIRKBRIDE PRESENTED DISTINGUISHED SUP AWARD

J. W. Kirkbride was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, at services held in conjunction with the Merrill Monument dedication at Smithfield, Sunday, December 21, 1958. The coveted award was made by SUP 1st Vice President Earl A. Hansen. It read: "Encouragement and Assistance to Many in Writing Pioneer Stories."

Mr. Kirkbride served for 48 years in the Cache County School System. He was Superintendent of the District for 16 years and organized the bus transportation system for the District. He has served as a scout leader for 33 years, twice as President of the Council. Many of Cache Valley's scouts and former scouts can recall wonderful adventures on camping trips spent under the direction of Mr. Kirkbride. Twice he served as Mayor of Smithfield, and has always been active in civic affairs. Over a period of years he has encouraged the residents of Smithfield and the surrounding area to collect the stories of their Pioneer forebears in the area. He now has a large collection of Pioneer stories.



SUP'S 1st Vice President, Earl A. Hansen (left), presents Distinguished Service Award to J. W. Kirkbride as Mrs. Kirkbride looks on. The award was for his work in gathering pioneer stories.

OUR DEEPEST THANKS

To the Many SUP Members Who Have Paid Their 1959 Dues. We Would Like to Encourage All Members to Take Care of This Matter as Soon as Possible.

N. Ross Beatie, Lived His Heritage

Friends throughout Utah and the intermountain area mourn the passing of N. Ross Beatie, who was taken from us December 15, 1958.

Brother Beatie is probably best known for his portrayal of his grandfather, President Brigham Young. Brother Beatie lived a life comparable to his glorious ancestor. His kind, humble manner and his willingness to help wherever he could has earned him a great eulogy. He was a dedicated man and worked tirelessly for any worthwhile cause. He was fastidious in appearance, punctual at all times, and always dependable.

N. Ross Beatie was born October 26, 1886, the son of Walter J. and Phebe Young Beatie. He served a mission for the Church in the Eastern States in 1910 and 1911. He served in Europe in WWI and was wounded in action.

Brother Beatie graduated from the McCune School of Music in 1925. Upon graduation, he opened a piano studio in his home and taught there for 19 years. He loved music, and he and his wife were devoted members of the Tabernacle Choir for thirty years.

On November 24, 1926, he married Sue Blanche Smith in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple.

He was an active member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. As a Son, he participated in many parades and other events in the role of Brigham Young. He was twice awarded the coveted Distinguished Service Award by SUP for his excellent portrayals.

Brother Beatie was always active in his church work and served as a worker in the Salt Lake Temple for 25 years.



Ross Beatie stands beside the portrait of his grandfather, President Brigham Young, by Alvin Gittins. Ross served as the model for the wonderful painting. It was in the role of Brigham Young that thousands of people saw him each year.



N. ROSS BEATIE

At funeral services held December 15, 1958, words of tribute were given by Elder Hugh B. Brown, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; Senator Elias L. Day and Robert Young, former President of the Salt Lake Temple, all close friends of Brother Beatie. The invocation was offered by Edward B. Kimball, a nephew; benediction by Horace A. Sorensen. Dedication of the grave was given by Patriarch J. Winter Smith of the San Jose Stake. Pallbearers were Burt Bigler, Ray Van Noy, Wallace Johnson, Heber Bird, J. Franklin Smith and William Prince. Honorary pallbearers were the High Priests Quorum of the North 18th Ward. Music was provided by a quartet composed of Alvin Keddington, George Lloyd, Burt Keddington and Joseph Kjar

and accompanied by J. Spencer Cornwall.

He is survived by his widow, 116 4th Avenue, Salt Lake City; a brother, W. Sidney Beatie, and a sister, Mrs. Edward P. Kimball, both of California.

Two of the many tributes paid Brother Beatie by his fellow SUP members were:

"This was a man who lived his heritage, a wonderful man and a faithful friend. We will indeed miss his companionship."—*Horace A. Sorensen.*

"Ross Beatie was a fine musician, a faithful church worker, and above all, a real man who liked other people and never refused to be of help to any worthwhile cause. We shall all miss him. May God bless his memory." — *Harold H. Jensen.*



SUP PROFILES

David Crawford Houston

By His Wife: Julia Loveless Houston

David Crawford Houston was born April 13, 1901, in Panguitch, Utah. His parents, James Houston and Sarah LeFever, were among the first pioneers whose parents were sent into Southern Utah. His paternal grandfather and grandmother came as converts to the Church from Edinborough, Scotland, settling in Nauvoo, Ill. They were personally acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and they came to Utah the summer after the arrival of President Brigham Young.

Crawford's family background contributes much to his interest and desire to keep alive the pioneer spirit and to help build an appreciation for our heritage.



D. CRAWFORD HOUSTON

There were eight children in the James Houston family, but only 3 lived to maturity and one of these died as a young man. The lack of proper medical facilities brought disappointments and sadness to many a family in those small communities in the early 1900's. But Crawford and a brother, Wallace, were spared to carry on the cattle and sheep-raising business on their father's ranch.

Both Crawford's father and mother were along in years when he was born, so he had the advantage of their constant companionship for 16 years. He was greatly influenced by their wisdom, and learned of pioneering from his own experiences.

During his formative years of life he learned from his parents the valuable les-

sons of the value of prayer, the strength of being clean, the power of truth and knowledge and the futility of wasted time. All of which have been a great influence in his life to this day.

It was a real step in Crawford's life to be sent to Dixie Normal College at St. George, to attend high school. From there he went to the University of Utah, where, after two years of college, he felt the desire to serve his Church and accepted a call to go on a mission to the Northwestern States, from 1923 to 1925. Here he labored under the leadership of the illustrious grandson of Brigham Young, whose name was Brigham S. Young. Crawford developed there in leadership and learned to explain the principles of the gospel to many people.

After his mission he returned to the Brigham Young University, where, in 1927, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Commerce.

In June of 1926, he and Julia Loveless of Provo were married in the Salt Lake Temple, and together they decided that he should go on to graduate school. Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, was the school chosen. Two lovely daughters, Betty and Karma, came to bless the humble student quarters of the Houstons while Crawford worked and sacrificed in school. His reward came in 1929, when he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Crawford's first assignment, after graduation, was with the California State Department of Agriculture in Sacramento, as a Marketing Specialist and then as a Market Analyst for California with offices in Washington, D. C. It was a great experience for him and his little family to live in the nation's capital. He saw to it that they saw the many places of interest in and around Washington while they were there.

In 1933, the opportunity came to get back home, where he always said, "the potatoes grew." And in a short time he found himself happily serving with the Utah State Board of Health, as Director of the Division of Public Health Education. This position took him into every high school and many of the elementary schools of Utah.

The opportunity next came to work in Industry. In 1939, he was offered the po-

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of the monument, to Reed Cunningham, and he drew the plans up. Brothers Roy and Weston West made the platform. Seven of the members went to Bear Lake and obtained a load of rock and this rock was taken to the home of Brother Willard Olsen and many and many a night were spent in breaking this rock into brick size pieces. Two masons from Logan came and laid the brick. We wanted to have a plaque for this monument, so Brother Melvin Hillyard, Brother Kirkbride and Brother Hazen Hillyard worked on the wording for this plaque. After they had it pretty well worded, they took it to Sister Gwendella Thornley, who is an artist in language, and she changed a few things around for them. Brother Melvin then took the plaque to Salt Lake to have it printed. We found it should have been put in at the time the brick was laid, so it took a little extra chiseling to make the holes for the bolts to go in. The marker was covered with red mortar, so we gave it an acid bath which has made it very beautiful. I want to thank all those who have helped and I am sure we will have this with us for a long time. I am thankful for the opportunity I have had in working on this monument."

The monument is made of red sandstone and is capped by a plow that belonged to Lot Smith. Lot Smith was a bodyguard of President Brigham Young and a leader in the Utah War of 1857. The plow was donated by Ephraim Smith.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Patriarch W. Hazen Hillyard who reminded that this monument paid fitting tribute to all of the early pioneers of Smithfield.

Guests at the dedication included President and Mrs. Karl B. Hale and 1st Vice President Earl A. Hansen of the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers.



This beautiful plaque tells the story of the death of Ira Merrill and is on the front of the monument at Smithfield.

California Organizes Pony Express

The California Pony Express Centennial Association has been launched. At the invitation of Governor Goodwin Knight, a group of men representing chambers of commerce, historical societies, pioneer societies, philatelic societies and public relations organizations, met in his offices on December 5, 1958.

With an already prepared constitution and by-laws patterned after the National Pony Express Centennial Association, the

committee received unanimous support and a non-profit association was formed. Governor Knight's staff rendered complete support and two weeks later furnished to everyone in attendance complete minutes of the day-long meeting and copies of the constitution and by-laws.

Governor Knight is the first chairman of the board of directors and was succeeded by newly elected Governor Brown,

who assumed the executive position January 5, 1959. Our National President, Waddell F. Smith of San Rafael, California, was elected president. Mr. John Rosekrans of San Francisco, Calif., a Director at Large of the National Pony Express Centennial Association, was elected first vice president. It is hoped that Miss Caroline Wenzel of Sacramento and Mr. Henry Clifford of Los Angeles will serve as second and third vice presidents. A full list of directors is to be announced at a later date.

Interest is running high in California and the state is expected to participate in a big way in the centennial. The Pony Express is credited by historians with having played a big part in preserving California to the Union at a very dangerous time in its history.

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sition of Assistant Superintendent of Welfare for the Utah Copper Company, and it has been a wonderful experience to work for such a growing and challenging industry.

In this position, he has had the opportunity of traveling and meeting some of the nation's leading business executives, which has greatly enriched and added to the joys of living.

In his middle life, so to speak, the Lord blessed him and his wife with a son, whom they named David Crawford Jr. He is 14 years old now and is still the pride and joy of his father's heart. His two daughters are now women. Betty Houston Sim lives in Bountiful and is the mother of four lovely children, and Karma is a graduate nurse and is teaching obstetrics to nurses in Saint Luke's Hospital, in Denver, Colorado.

The Church has always been a very important part of Crawford and his wife Julia's life. They both have served as missionaries for the Church. Crawford has served in many executive positions on stake boards and as a High Councilman in the Hillside Stake. At present he is teaching the Priests' quorum of the Monument Park 9th Ward.

He feels that his lot in life is to teach a little, inspire as much as he can, and live as near to the things he teaches as his ability will let him. He tries to direct his household so that those who live therein will honor and love him, while knowing of his frailties, and those who look in from the outside will feel the Community is better for his family having resided there.



Pictured in the office of Governor J. Goodwin Knight are the members of the California Pony Express Centennial Association, who will work with the National Association in carrying out California's part in the Pony Express Centennial.

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"TUMBLEWEED TOWNS"

By DIX LARSON

Editor's Note: Mr. Larson, the Dean of Utah Ghost Town explorers, will write several articles on this fascinating subject in the next few issues of SUP News.

Ghost towning is rather a special pursuit and one way to avoid elbowing your vacation with tourists or the commerce that feeds on them. There are about 240 to 250 ghost towns in Nevada alone, which does not include such places as Virginia City, where the ghosts were displaced by the tourists long ago. Likewise, such towns as Eureka and Austin, both U. S. 50. If an individual has the yen to visit some of the more interesting towns of yesteryear, he should plan to pack up and head for some that we will write about, such as Hawthorne, Kimberly, or National, all of which vary in era and interest. Most of the ghost towns are little places, which hardy souls, with enough courage to take out on rough dirt roads with cars, can start exploring and enjoying almost as soon as they leave the paved highways.

More than half a century has passed since the days of the big bonanzas in most of the areas. The market has dropped from under gold and silver, the human tide that flowed has ebbed, and yet there remains today, for the self-reliant traveler who has both foresight and a sense of history an enormous bonanza, still. On most of this arid land, hardly a mountain or gully is not haunted by a feverish past. It is exciting to listen to the wind hustle a tumbleweed down the remains of what was once a busy street, and the banging

of the last remaining shutter on a stone residence, still defying the elements of nature and time. Here one may find the collector's prize a bottle, purpled by the sun, or a whole piece of ironstone, or an opium tin or one may wander through the streets disturbing nothing but jack-rabbits and lizards.

Among some of the more interesting towns are Belmont, which is relatively still intact, from the Court House to the Saloons on Main Street, even the watering trough is still flowing as it did in 1857; or Rylite, once the largest city in Nevada, when it boasted a population of 40,000 people, complete with horse-drawn streetcars, and the first three-story railroad station, still intact. The town of Manhattan, still has one saloonkeeper, patiently waiting for an occasional passer-by. In his 89 years he has not been exposed to anything outside the city limits, nor has he worried about current events, boasting the last paper he read was in 1900.

Many artifacts and relics of the past are still present in some of the old Monarchs of the past, and are still in a rare state of preservation.

In many of the old towns the dilapidated saloon sign bearing the name

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Typical Ghost Town Street — Belmont, 1958

FAREWELL THE PONY

By WADDELL F. SMITH

(Editor's Note: Thought this little bit of history on the Pony Express and a tribute to the Pony to be of interest.

By an act of the Congress of the United States, passed March 2, 1861, the Pony Express was to cease operation upon the completion of the Transcontinental telegraph, then building.

On October 24, 1861, the converging wires of the transcontinental telegraph were tied together and the first message flashed from coast to coast. Two days later when all of the ponies were in, the mechanical click of the telegraph replaced the live, melodious hoof beats of the ponies.

As a final salute to the Pony Express the following editorial written by Mr. McClatchy of the Sacramento Bee appeared in his Daily Bee, Sacramento, California, October 26, 1861:

The Daily Bee, October 26, 1861 2/2
FAREWELL PONY: Our little friend, the Pony, is to run no more. "Stop it" is the order that has been issued by those in authority. Farewell and forever, thou staunch, wilderness-overcoming, swift-footed messenger. For the good thou hast done we praise thee; and, having run thy race, and accomplished all that was hoped for and expected, we can part with thy services without regret, because, and only because, in the progress of the age, in the advance of science and by the enterprise of capital, thou hast been superseded by a more subtle, active, but no more faithful, public servant. Thou were the pioneer of a continent in the rapid transmission of intelligence between its peoples, and have dragged in your train the lightning itself, which, in good time, will be followed by steam communication by rail. Rest upon your honors; be satisfied with them, your destiny has been fulfilled — a new and higher power has superseded you. Nothing that has blood and sinews was able to overcome your energy and ardor; but a senseless, soulless thing that eats not, sleeps not, tires not — a thing that cannot distinguish space — that knows not the difference between a rod of ground and the circumference of the globe itself, has encompassed, overthrown and routed you. This is no disgrace, for flesh and blood cannot always war against the elements. Rest, then, in peace; for thou hast run thy race, thou hast followed thy course, thou hast done the work that was given thee to do.



Salt Lake Area Plans Gala Party in March

March will see a new event in SUP activities that we hope will become an annual affair. The month that comes and goes like a lamb and a lion will see the National Organization, and the Salt Lake Area Chapters co-sponsor a huge party. The big event will take place March 12th at the Garden Heights Ward.

A real family style meal will be served and we guarantee that everyone will get plenty of good food to eat. An outstanding program has been planned. Mr. Horace A. Sorensen, program committee chairman, insures us that the best talent in the Salt Lake area will be there to entertain us.

Tickets can be obtained from your chapter president or from the National Offices, 2998 Connor Street. We urge you to get your tickets early, as space will only allow limited attendance and we would hate to see anyone left out.

Judge Joseph G. Jeppson, 1st Vice President of SUP, and Dr. Carl J. Christensen, Immediate Past President, are in charge of the big party. Judge Jeppson explained that the purpose of the event is to raise funds to complete work on sev-

eral buildings at Pioneer Village. These include, The Chipman House from American Fork, the Organ in the Rock Church, the Kaysville Railroad Station, a cobbler shop and a drug store.

Committees are being organized to handle various phases of the planning. Dennis Murphy and Ray Van Noy are in charge of ticket sales; Curtis Brady and Marlon Bateman, decorations; Karl B. Hale, food, and Horace A. Sorensen, program.

Set March 12th aside now and come on out and meet your fellow Sons, have a wonderful meal and a great time while you help our very worthwhile project at Pioneer Village — see you there for sure.

COTTAGE CHAPTERS TO BE ORGANIZED

One of the brightest stars in the galaxy of projects to be put into operation in 1959 is the organization of Cottage Chapters. These chapters are designed to aid in the organization of small groups that are interested in pioneer projects, but find that there are not enough eligible members in the area to start a full chapter. The idea of these organizations was suggested by Mr. Horace A. Sorensen and met with the enthusiastic approval of the Executive Board.

A suggested plan for their operation is to have the group meet regularly, perhaps once a month in the homes of the members of the group. Sunday evening after church services would be an ideal time to hold these meetings. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss pioneer topics and enjoy the companionship of an evening with friends interested in their pioneer heritage.

It is anticipated that this plan will encourage members at large in areas where there are only a few eligible people to organize small groups. Interest in the program has also been expressed by many people in the Utah area that find it impossible to attend regular chapter meetings.

A cottage chapter need only obtain ten members to apply for a regular chapter charter. Anyone interested in organizing a special Cottage Chapter may do so by writing or calling the Sons of Utah Pioneer Offices.



Mr. Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director of Pioneer Village, announces that SUP members will be admitted free to the Village on their 1959 membership cards. It is hoped that every SUP member will visit the Village in 1959.



Karl B. Hale, National President of SUP, looks forward to many happenings in 1959. These include the big March Party, treks, opening of the new Corinne Museum and the Annual Encampment in Ogden.



Mr. Waddell F. Smith, President of the National Pony Express Association, met in Salt Lake with Mr. Ernest R. McKay, Vice President of the Association, and members of the Utah Pony Express group. The meetings took place Jan. 19, 20 and 21st. Details in the February issue of SUP News.

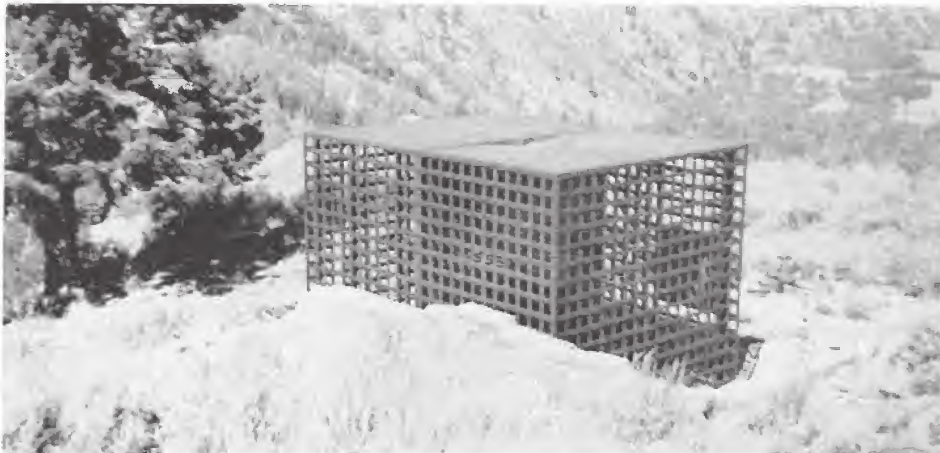
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"Northern" is still present, which was the name filtered to the West from the Klondike gold rush. The "Northern" or "Northerns" were all founded by the famed "Tex Rickard," why, some like the "Northern No. 4" boasted eight bartenders, 50 faro dealers, and, of course, many members of the opposite sex. Rickard, as we all know, went on to promote such million dollar gates as the Dempsey-Carpentier fights and many others.

Ghost towners are not a special type of people who enjoy grubbing in the dirt, or can possibly stand 24 hours without the thought of a warm bath, but are people who love their heritage and appreciate man's strife of the past and are anxious to preserve the rapidly dwindling memories that exist. A special type of auto is not necessary. In the series that follow frequent pictures will include the one used by your writer, namely, a Buick, open convertible. The open-type seemed to be a choice of the children and later appreciated by the parents. The roads as a whole are uncharted, and only a few are shown on any map of today. For those who go exploring off the highway, there are two things to remember: First—Never trust a road map. Field editing of such maps does not keep pace with climatic events that have occurred since the map was made.

Second—Never trust an unofficial inhabitant when he says a road is "good." Instead, assume it will be bad, but worth the wear and tear on the vehicle.

Remember, each ghost town has its own peculiar history, and legends, and these are not emblazoned on billboards, nor cried from reconstructed rooftops. Some are hidden in newspaper files, others with lone inhabitants, and still others with imagination.



Old Kimberly Jail, which was located by Mr. Larson and moved to Pioneer Village. The picture shows it in its original location.

Chapter Notes

UNIVERSITY OF DESERET CHAPTER HOLDS ELECTION

Paul W. Hodson, Vice President of the University of Utah, has been elected President of the University of Deseret Chapter for the coming year. Other officers are Carl J. Christensen, 1st Vice President; Harold R. Bradford, 2nd Vice President; Joseph A. Norton, Secretary, and Paul Nicholes, Treasurer.

At the December meeting of the chapter, Ernest R. McKay, Vice President of the National Pony Express Centennial Association, spoke on the rerunning of the Pony Express. He explained the plans for the centennial celebration in 1960 and related some of the history of the Pony Express.

The Deseret Chapter meets on the last Thursday of the month at noon in the Panorama Room of the Union Building on the University of Utah Campus.



Dr. David E. Miller, Immediate Past President of the University of Deseret Chapter, and Paul Hodson, new Chapter President, look at a Pony Express map at the Chapter's December meeting.

CORINNE CHAPTER SELECTS NEW GROUP OF OFFICERS

Members of SUP's newest chapter met recently and selected the officers that will lead them in 1959. The new President is Alma Jones, who will be charged with the responsibility of leading the chapter in its efforts to build the Railroad Museum at Corinne, and to obtain new membership. Assisting him will be Floyd Carter, Vice President; Jesse Nicholas, Secretary and Treasurer; and Dawn M. Reeder, and Miles Y. Ferry, Directors. Chapter members include many of Corinne's leading citizens.

The group has pledged itself to aiding SUP in making the railroad village at Corinne one of the star tourist attractions in our state.

DIXIE MISSION REPORTS VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

It was a real pleasure to meet and talk with J. Henry Graff, President of the Dixie Mission Chapter and 5th Vice President of the National Society. Mr. Graff journeyed from St. George to attend the December meeting of the National Executive Board, and reported on activities in the St. George area.

The chapter held its December meeting Monday, December 22, in the Brigham Young home. Vivian Leany spoke on the "History of Harrisburg." This was the Christmas Party and the decorations were in keeping with this most joyous season.

A Chapter project for the year 1959 will be to promote the writing of the history of many of Southern Utah's towns. Many of the historic early settlements of the area have now become ghost towns and it will soon be impossible to find records on them.

Treks for the summer months are being planned and it is hoped that markers may be placed on the graves of veterans of the Army that were buried in the area.

Best wishes for a very successful year, President Graff, with such a worthwhile and full program, the Dixie Mission Chapter will certainly continue to grow.

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NEW OFFICERS — NEW YEAR, FOR EAST MILL CREEK

Christmas was the theme of the East Mill Creek Chapter meeting held December 8, 1958, at Pioneer Village. A large Christmas tree and Christmas decorations on the tables gave the setting a Holiday spirit. After dinner, Eldon Romney introduced a fine musical program. Piano solos were played by Ruth Romney. Tom Pucci played several numbers on the accordion, and Edythe Tallstrup thrilled the group with several violin numbers.

President Harry Poll called on the nominating committee to present the names of candidates for offices. From the slate of candidates, J. Herbert Wheeler was elected President; Jack Goasland, Thomas A. Lambert and Courtland P. Starr, Vice Presidents; Valoran Russell, Secretary, and Lorenzo Bates and Everett Call, Directors.

Plans for 1959 include projects at Pioneer Village, forming a new chapter and seeing their own membership double.

Names of all officers of the chapter follow:

J. Herbert Wheeler, President.
Jack H. Goasland, Vice President.
Thomas A. Lambert, Vice President.
Courtland P. Starr, Vice President.
Harry N. Poll, Im. Past President.
Valoran Russell, Secretary-Treasurer.
Lorenzo J. Bates, 2-year Director.
Everett H. Call, 2-year Director.
William N. Beesley, 1-year Director.
LaMar J. Gardner, 1-year Director.
Eldon B. Romney, Chorister.



Harry Poll, Immediate Past President of the East Mill Creek Chapter, SUP, hands chapter bell to incoming President J. Herbert Wheeler at the chapter's December party.

BUENA VENTURA CHAPTER NOTES TWO MEMBERS

David L. Reeder, owner of the Kaysville Mercantile Co. in Kaysville, Utah, was the speaker at the November meeting of the Buena Ventura Chapter of SUP. Mr. Reeder gave a very interesting talk on his forefathers. The chapter announces the addition of two new members and we welcome David L. Reeder and Louis A. Fleming as members of this SUP chapter.

The Chapter, which is growing rapidly, meets on the third Thursday of each month at the home of a member. Regular officers' meetings are insuring interesting programs and continued growth.

OLD JUNIPER CHAPTER TO OBSERVE CHARTER NIGHT

President David A. Burgoyne of the Old Juniper Chapter announces that the annual charter night meeting of the Chapter will be held January 22, 1959. President Karl B. Hale of, the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers, will be the speaker. National Officers and their wives, as well as other guests, are invited to attend.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Dwain E. Carlson, Secretary of the Temple Fork Chapter, has sent us the new memberships of Owen F. Stevens, William J. Kendrick, and James George Smith. We welcome these new members into SUP. President of the Temple Fork Chapter is A. George Raymond.

HOLLADAY CHAPTER ELECTS NEW CORPS OF OFFICERS

Turkey and all the trimmings were served to members of the Holladay Chapter and their guests at the annual Chapter Charter Anniversary and Christmas Party, Friday, December 5. There were flowers for the ladies and the large crowd in a festive spirit listened to a wonderful program provided by students of Olympus High School.

Crowning the evening's activities was the election of officers for 1959. New President is Edgar Martindale, who replaces K. Grant Hale. D. Scott Beazer is 1st Vice President; John L. Tryner, 2nd Vice President; Joseph L. Lyon, 3rd Vice President; Earl R. Belnap, 4th Vice President; Mark Jackman, 5th Vice President; Cliff Jolley, Secretary; George R. Quist, Treasurer; Donald H. Wagstaff and Karl Merrill, 2-Year Directors and K. Grant Hale and Henry S. Florence, Advisory Board.



Ed Martindale, new President of the Holladay Chapter of SUP, examines plans for the new Administration Building at Pioneer Village.

GOLDEN SPIKE CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1959

The Golden Spike Chapter of SUP elected the officers that will see them through 1959 at their December 8th meeting. They are: Aubrey Turley, President; Frank L. Davis, 1st Vice President; Thomas Harper, 2nd Vice President; Albert D. Earl, Secretary-Treasurer; Israel Hunsaker, Director; Myrl R. Mason, Director; William D. Harris, Director; Lester Holman, Chaplain; Joseph Cyrus Gibbs, Judge Advocate; and William Hurd, Director.

The new year promises to be a big one for the Golden Spike Chapter, which is located in the Tremonton-Garland area. Regular chapter meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

NEW OFFICERS ANNOUNCED BY PIONEER CHAPTER

Wallace G. Bennett has been elected President of the Pioneer Luncheon Club, Sons of Utah Pioneers, for the coming year. Aiding him in the activities that are planned for the chapter are: Ned Winder, 1st Vice President; Verl F. Scott, 2nd Vice President; William W. (Bill) Cannon, Secretary; Foley Richards, Treasurer; and Russell C. Harris, Immediate Past President.

The chapter meets at noon on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Lion House.

TEMPLE QUARRY CHAPTER PLANS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

President Curtis W. Brady, of the Temple Quarry Chapter, reports that a drive is under way in the chapter to increase the membership by finding new members that are interested in SUP's activities and by reactivating former members.

This live-wire chapter meets the first Thursday of each month and you can always depend on an interesting program and a friendly and happy atmosphere at their evening meetings. When President Karl B. Hale and this writer attended the chapter's Christmas party, we were welcomed with open arms and we certainly felt at home. This warm, courteous reception was very much appreciated and we certainly hope we can meet with the chapter again very soon.

The chapter has undertaken several projects recently, the biggest was the movement of an eleven-ton granite block to Pioneer Village, where it stands alongside the Rock Meeting House from Coalville. Visitors to the Village are amazed when they are told that the same size rocks were moved some twenty miles for the construction of the Salt Lake Temple. This stone certainly is an asset to the Village as an expression of the work that our pioneer forebears carried out. Plans are under way to have the names of those who participated in the movement of the stone placed on a plaque that will be attached to the stone.



Albert J. Crane, John A. Butterfield, 1st Vice President, and Curtis W. Brady, President of the Temple Quarry Chapter, examine one of the many relics that Del Adams brought to the chapter's November meeting. Del showed slides of recent treks SUP has taken, and everyone reminisced a little of the good times spent on these adventures.

SUGAR HOUSE CHAPTER HOLDS HOLIDAY MEETING

The well-known Allegro Chorus was featured at the Christmas party held December 29 by the Sugar House Chapter. A very fine meal was served to members, their wives and guests.

This very active Chapter is one of three that is building the new Administration Building at Pioneer Village and each

week as work progresses, members from the chapter are at the village ready to help.

Each month the Chapter officers send out a very attractive news letter. The December letter was so well done that we would like to quote part of it here:

"Dear Fellow Members:

"As the Christmas season again approaches we stop our busy activities to consider our friends and neighbors. We are grateful that one season of the year draws us away from the routine of the busy world to remember with those around us that our Savior, Jesus Christ, came into the world nearly two thousand years ago, grew to the prime of life, and then gave up his life that we might be saved. We hope that this busy world will never crowd from our thoughts these facts. If we ever lose the true spirit of Christmas, we will lose one of the greatest of the treasures of the world.

"The coming season also signals the approach of the New Year, when a new set of officers will take the reins of the chapter. As officers for the past year, we want to thank all of you for your confidence and cooperation. We trust that you will continue to support the new officers and make the Sugar House Chapter the strongest chapter in the national organization."

GEO. ALBERT SMITH CHAPTER HEARS FRED E. CURTIS

Mr. Fred E. Curtis, Commanding Officer of the Mormon Battalion and Chairman of the Trails and Landmarks Committee for the Sons of Utah Pioneers, was the speaker at December meeting of George Albert Smith Chapter. The Sunday meeting was held December 7, at the Pioneer Building in Provo.



FRED E. CURTIS

Members, wives and guests were invited, as well as guests from other chapters.

Mr. Curtis held the large audience captive with a fascinating account of the Mormon Battalion, and stories of little known incidents that occurred on this, the longest of infantry marches. The spirit of the occasion was felt by all with Mr. Curtis' stories and the setting in the Pioneer Building.

Mr. Elmer De St. Jeor, President of the Chapter, conducted the meeting and Dean W. Payne, Chapter Secretary, arranged the program.

BUFFALO

By RAY REEDER

When Cortes overthrew the Aztec Empire in the early 16th century Europeans first saw the American buffalo or bison. Among the records of this expedition is found this curious statement:

In the second square of the same House were the Wild Beasts . . . among which the greatest Rarity was the Mexican Bull, a wonderful composition of divers Animals. It has crooked shoulders, with a Bunch on its back like a Camel; its Flanks dry, its Tail large, and its Neck covered with Hair like a Lion. It is cloven-footed, its Head armed like that of a Bull, which it resembles in Fierceness, with no less Strength and Agility.¹

A number of years passed before the buffalo was seen in its wild, native state, but again it was the Spanish explorers and conquerors who left many accounts and descriptions of the buffalo. They soon learned that its flesh was delicious and its hide had many uses. Several groups were saved from starvation in the great American wilderness by making full use of the "wild cow" as they called it.

The Indian had various legends and beliefs on the origin of the buffalo. The plains Indians believed ". . . that the buffalo were produced in countless numbers in a country under the ground; that every spring they swarmed out of great cave-like exits. . . ."² This seems to be a fair summary of the beliefs held by various tribes of native Americans.

When the white men first came to North America the buffalo was found in nearly every part of North America. The great herds roamed unmolested, except by Indians. It has been estimated there were between 20 and 30 million buffalo before they were decimated by hunters.

Of special interest is the fact that buffalo lived in the intermountain area until about the time the Mormons came in 1847. Orson Pratt wrote in his journal on July 19, 1847:

A fresh track of buffalo was discovered in this ravine; he had rubbed off some of his hair upon the brush in his path, probably the only one within hundreds of miles.³

Buffalo chips were used as fuel for a year or so after the pioneers founded Salt Lake City.

Buffalo established definite trails when they migrated; some of these were followed by early white emigrants and later they became highways.

The favorite range of the buffalo was in the Great Plains of America and the Republican and Arkansas river valleys are frequently mentioned as the center of vast herds. The great hunts took place here.

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Grand Island and North Platte, Nebraska, along the railroad, were often the scenes of the herds that were counted by the tens of thousands.

Buffalo were migratory animals. The descendants today of the vast herds have had to conform to civilization and they remain confined to their restricted reservations the year around. Formerly, winter months drove them southward and they returned in the spring to graze upon the prairie grasses.

In driving storms domestic cattle turn tails to the wind, but buffalo face the storm. When the herds were attacked by wolves they formed a circle with calves and cows in the center with bulls facing the outside. This was an effective defense.

It is well known that buffalo were so numerous that they sometimes stopped railroad trains or wagon trains by their migrations. It has also been recorded that boats were prevented from progressing farther in the upper Missouri River because of the swimming animals.

When mature, the buffalo bull weighs between 2000 and 3000 pounds. He may be six feet in height at the hump and his length may be ten feet or more. He can attain a speed of 40 miles per hour when pursued. They often live to the age of 25 or 30 years.

The Indians depended upon buffalo for a good deal of their sustenance, especially the Plains Indians. They learned to hunt them successfully with primitive means. One method would be to drive or entice them into a "v" shaped trap, the sides being a vertical wall of a bluff and a fence of logs, rocks, and brush. The fence did not have to be too strong, but had to be tight enough that the buffalo could not see through it. Squaws and children stood behind the obstructions and when the bison were inside they set up such a clamor that the buffalo did not approach

the fence too closely.

When the Indians hunted buffalo on the open prairies without resorting to traps, the braves would ride along side an animal and aim their weapons for some vital organ such as the heart or liver. Their ponies were well trained and dodged with the animal until a weapon had been driven home.

The inevitable doom of the monarch of the plains gathered momentum slowly. Early plains travelers killed buffalo for food and sport. At first the loss was insignificant. Brigham Young forbade indiscriminate hunting and asked his followers to kill only for food. The Mormons made good use of buffalo to supply their needs. They, like most emigrants, soon learned the value of the bison. Among other things, in addition to meat and hides, they learned that camp fires could be kindled from buffalo chips when wood was not plentiful.

In 1860 the buffalo were such a nuisance that soldiers evidently amused themselves by shooting them at military installations. The post commander at Ft. Kearney issued an order forbidding soldiers to shoot buffalo on the parade ground.

The railroad struck a mortal blow at the buffalo's chance of survival. The momentum of his impending disaster picked up. The first effect was the division of the northern and southern herds; no longer could they migrate without restriction. Settlers began to look hungrily at the rich prairie acres and the land was easy to obtain by homesteading. The buffalo had to go.

Farmers did not eliminate the great herds of bison; professional hunters did the job for them.

Rapid transportation on the railroad made possible the shipping of buffalo hides and meat to eastern markets. The

hide market developed about 1870 and while the supply lasted it enjoyed great success.

During the construction of the railroad crews of hunters kept the workmen supplied with meat. With the new industry developing the professional hunters shot buffalo for the hides leaving most or all of the carcass to rot in the sun. In 1870 the skins were worth \$3.70 each. Two or three years later the markets were glutted and they were worthless.

In 1871 James Gordon Bennett brought a group of millionaires to North Platte, Nebraska, for an extended hunt. He published an account of their adventures in his New York newspaper. This report advertised the sport in all parts of the world and wealthy sportsmen converged on the Great Plains to participate in this thrilling adventure. For several years buffalo hunting was the most famous sport in America.

The momentum of the tragedy gathered speed. From 1865 to 1875, 2,000,000 hides per year were shipped from the plains. Suddenly it was over; the buffalo was gone. By the winter of 1874 the big herds had disappeared, although a few strays were killed as late as 1876. This same year probably saw the last migrating herds when a small herd crossed the river at Julesburg, Colorado. It seemed almost unbelievable, but the Great Plains were devoid of buffalo. Within a few years the land was homesteaded and fenced.

In 1889 there were only 541 buffalo in the United States and 250 in Canada in 1900. Efforts had been made in Congress to enact laws to protect the few remaining survivors from extinction, but nothing came from these proposals. A few private individuals and organizations took the lead in establishing reservations where the last survivors might be protected. Their efforts eventually were rewarded. Several ranges were set aside for buffalo. Yellowstone Park in Wyoming; Custer State Park in South Dakota; the U. S. Natural Bison Range and the Wichita Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma are among those places where surviving herds exist.

Today in the United States and Canada there are approximately 25,000 descendants of the few hundred buffalo that miraculously escaped destruction from hunters' guns. Wise conservation practices have actually produced a surplus of animals and the survival of the buffalo is assured.



These hardy young creatures are Pepper, Salt and Paprika, from the left, and are permanent residents of Pioneer Village. When full grown, Pepper, who is 2 years old, will stand 6 feet tall at the hump and weigh about 3,000 pounds.

¹This statement is quoted in Douglas E. Branch's *The Hunting of the Buffalo*, pp. 11-12.

²Ibid. p. 2.

³N. B. Lundwall, *Exodus of Modern Israel*.

SUP Sidelights

Saturday, December 20, found TOM CHILD, SCOTT BEAZER, ED MARTINDALE, TANNER BROWN and KARL HALE at work on the new Administration Building at Pioneer Village.

DR. RICHARD POLL and family sent Holiday Greetings to SUP members from Europe and report that much travel has been their good fortune this year. Part of their letter follows:

"Petition for Mail Tops Yuletide List.

"Friends may insure invitation to the travelogue which will inevitably follow the Poll return by writing now, briefly or fully, about home front doings. Seven cents will post it (or even 4 cents if you're pressed), and the address is:

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"Friends allergic to slide lectures may also insure NOT being invited by writing now. Simply follow the signature with the initials 'C.U.O.P.' (Count Us Out, Please)."

Hats off to VALORAN RUSSELL, who is beginning his third year as Secretary of the East Mill Creek Chapter. Valoran has been a real spark-plug in the chapter.

GUSTIVE O. LARSON, our National Historian, is recovering from an operation he underwent at Christmas. He plans to send us an article soon on early Utah Legislatures.

Brother Larson will lead a tour to Europe this summer for the Brigham Young University, which will be one of the outstanding events planned by the "Y" this year. (See advertisement on page 8, this issue.)



T. F. KIRKHAM

The Mormon Battalion uniform of Thomas F. Kirkham, a life member of SUP, was presented to Pioneer Village Museum in his memory by his daughters, Bonnie Jean K. Peck and Phyllis M. K. Owen.



Tanner Brown repairs a broken brick on the new Administration Building at Pioneer Village during a snow storm. Regardless of the weather, if work is planned for the Administration Building, you can count on Tanner being there.

SUP News notes, with the rest of Utah, that an eighty-seven-year-old Pioneer made its last run December 31, 1958. The Bamberger Railroad ended its career with a final run on that day. Memories of this Utah Pioneer will last for many years in the hearts and minds of those who were associated with its operation or used its services.

MARLON BATEMAN has made a request that SUP members offer suggestions as to possible treks for this year. Some suggestions have been made and it looks like we can look forward to several delightful treks this summer.

PRESIDENT HALE announces that any member who brings two new members into SUP during 1959 will be given an SUP Membership Pin. Chapter Presidents may obtain these pins for members of their chapters by writing to the secretary for them and listing the names of the new members.

MEN

Men who succeed have always been cheerful and hopeful, went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men.

We received a letter recently from F. M. ALDER, a Provo Attorney and member of the BYU Chapter. He bears a fine testimony of the worth of SUP. Part of the letter follows: "To me it is a privilege to belong to the SUP and to be thus identified with such a worthy organization, and I hope to be active in the future."

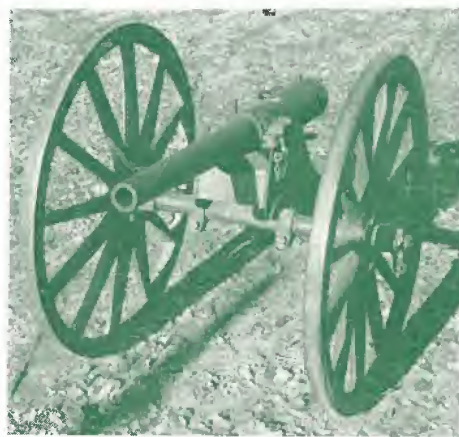
Ever faithful EARL A. HANSEN, 1st Vice President of SUP, again journeyed from Logan to attend the December Executive Board meeting.

A recent visitor from the California Chapter was WILLIAM J. FOX of Hollywood, California. Mr. Fox paid us a visit at Pioneer Village during the Christmas holidays.

The new Corinne Chapter welcomes two new members into its ranks this month. They are, FREDERICK WALKER and JOHN C. CRANER.

The Salt Lake Luncheon Club welcomed BILL POLLOCK back to their January meeting. Bill has been recovering from a recent illness.

We have received word that MRS. ARTHUR GRIX, wife of our National Chaplain and President of the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club, is recuperating from a recent operation. We wish Mrs. Grix a speedy recovery.



This 19th Century cannon is an early breech-loader and has recently been added to the gun collection at Pioneer Village.



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